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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/694,297	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ZOMBKE ET AL.	
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**Status**

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 December 2008.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Response to Amendment***

This Application is in response to a communication made on December 11, 2008.

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended.

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

**Claims 1-7, 11-19, and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramasubramani (6507589) in view of Barzegar (5894478), and in further view of Iwama (6600735).**

**Regarding claims 1 and 13,** Ramasubramani discloses a messaging system, comprising:

a client device having stored therein a client application adapted to be executed by said client device (Column 5, lines 60 – 64);

a server having stored therein a server application adapted to be executed by said server (Column 6, lines 27 – 34);

at least one protocol gateway (Column 5, lines 42 – 48; Column 15, lines 1 – 12) to manage a connection with a network (Column 9, lines 26 – 30); and

a communicator for communicating a message between said client application and said server application over a wireless network protocol through said protocol gateway (Column 12, lines 37 – 45).

Ramasubramani does not explicitly indicate that the network (Figure 2, element 216) includes a registered message router, wherein the router is registered in a message router table, and that the gateway adds an entry for said router.

Barzegar teaches a system with a protocol gateway that establishes connections through a message router (Column 3, lines 56 – 58).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Barzegar's teaching of message authentication to increase the security of the system and prevent unauthorized requests.

Iwama teaches a system for routing messages between gateways including the user of message routers (Fig 1, elements 102 and 107) that includes a table for tracking a registered gateways and routers (Col. 10, lines 59 - 62) where the gateway adds entries to the table (Col. 11, lines 54 – 65).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve the system, by adding in Iwama's teaching of a global management table to help enact paths between the gateway devices in the message routers.

**Regarding claims 2 and 14**, Ramasubramani discloses the messaging system according to claims 1, 13, and 24, wherein at least one message router for routing said

message between said protocol gateway and said server (Column 23, line 64 – Column 24, line 3).

**Regarding claims 3 and 15**, Ramasubramani discloses the messaging system according to claims 2 and 14.

Ramasubramani does not explicitly indicate said at least one registered message router further comprises means for authenticating an origin of said message.

Barzegar teaches a system with protocol gateways and a message router where the message router is programmed to authenticate messages based on who sent them (Column 3, lines 56 – 58).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Barzegar's teaching of message authentication to increase the security of the system and prevent unauthorized requests.

**Regarding claims 4 and, 16**, Ramasubramani discloses the messaging system according to claims 3 and 15.

Ramasubramani does not explicitly indicate that the authenticating means authenticates said origin before said message is routed by said at least one registered message router.

Barzegar teaches a system with protocol gateways and a message router where the authenticating means authenticates said origin before said message is routed by said message router (Column 3, lines 56 – 58).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Barzegar's teaching of message authentication to increase the security of the system and prevent unauthorized requests.

**Regarding claims 5 and 17**, Ramasubramani discloses that there is a database accessible by said message router and adapted to store information relating to routing and authentication of said message (Column 24, lines 19 – 24).

**Regarding claims 6 and 18**, Ramasubramani discloses the messaging system according to claims 1, 13, and 24, further comprising an HTTP proxy server adapted to receive a plurality of HTTP requests from said client device, send each said request over an Internet to said server, and transmit a response corresponding thereto from said server to said client device (Column 5, lines 44 – 47; Column 12, lines 37 – 45).

**Regarding claims 7 and 19**, Ramasubramani the messaging system according to claims 6 and 18, wherein: the HTTP proxy server is adapted to support one or more HTTP protocols (Column 12, lines 37 – 45).

**Regarding claims 11 and 22**, Ramasubramani discloses the messaging system according to claims 1 and 13, further comprising there is a means for supporting a message retry in each of a plurality of wireless network protocols (Column 7, lines 30 – 33).

**Regarding claims 12 and 23**, Ramasubramani discloses the messaging system according to claims 1 and 13, further comprising there is a means for supporting a message ACK/NACK service in each of a plurality of wireless network protocols (Column 7, lines 30 – 33).

**Claims 8 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramasubramani in view of Callon and in further view of Boyle (6119167).**

**Regarding claims 8 and 20**, Ramasubramani discloses the messaging system according to claims 6 and 18.

Ramasubramani does not explicitly indicate that the HTTP proxy server comprises: means for creating a TCP/IP socket connection; and means for managing said TCP/IP socket connection.

Boyle '167 teaches a wireless protocol gateway and http proxy that creates a TCP/IP socket connection; and manages said TCP/IP socket connection (Column 3, lines 27 – 40).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Boyle's teaching of the TCP/IP connection Ramasubramani's system in order to have a TCP/IP connection to connectionless wireless protocols.

**Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramasubramani in view of Callon and in further view of Kung (6826173).**

**Regarding claim 9**, Ramasubramani discloses the messaging system of claim 1.

Ramasubramani does not explicitly indicate that there is an SNMP manager.

Kung discloses a system with a multiple protocol gateways that communicate using SNMP communication (Column 13, lines 5 – 9).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Kung's in Ramasubramani's system in order to allow the

management service of the messaging system send commands to other devices in the system using the common SNMP protocol from an SNMP manager.

**Claims 10 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramasubramani in view of Callon and in further view of Boyle (6138158).**

**Regarding claims 10 and 21**, Ramasubramani discloses the messaging system according to claims 1 and 13.

Ramasubramani does not explicitly indicate that the system is further comprising: means for defining a maximum segment size; means for determining if said message exceeds said maximum segment size; and means for segmenting said message into a plurality of message segments, none of said plurality of message segments exceeding said maximum segment size.

Boyle '158 teaches a messaging system (Column 8, line 52 – Column 9, line 2) that includes defining a maximum segment size; means for determining if said message exceeds said maximum segment size; and means for segmenting said message into a plurality of message segments, none of said plurality of message segments exceeds said maximum segment size (Column 13, lines 37 – 48).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Boyles teaching of breaking up messages in Ramasubramani's system because some of the messaging protocols may only be able to support a maximum message size and Boyles system allows long messages to be broken up to the max size and transferred.



***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KEVIN BATES whose telephone number is (571) 272-3980. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on (571) 272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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